

In claim 5, line 5, change "or" to --and--.

In claim 6, line 2, change "size" to --weight--.

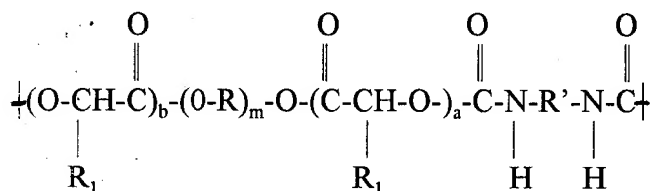
In claim 9, line 2, change "such as" to --is selected from the group consisting of--;

In claim 9, line 2, change "foam or" to --foam,--

In claim 9, line 2, change "ring or a" to --ring,--;

In claim 9, line 3, change "or" to --and--.

11. (Amended) A method for reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient comprising exposing tissue which has been subjected to tissue damage and is at risk for the formation of adhesions to a polymeric composition comprising polymers of the chemical structure:



where m, a and b are positive integers,

R is an ethylene group and/or propylene group with the proviso that R is not exclusively a propylene group when m is more than 1, R' is a C₂ to C₈ alkylene group, a cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl-containing group, an aryl or aryl-containing group, 4,4'-diphenylmethane, toluene, naphthalene, 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane, cyclohexyl, 3,3'-dimethylphenyl, 3,3'-dimethyldiphenylmethane, 4,6'-xylylene, 3,5,5-trimethylcyclohexyl, 2,2,4-trimethylhexamethylene or p-phenylene and R₁ is H or CH₃, said polymeric composition comprising no more than about 1.0% by weight crosslinking and having an EO/LA ratio ranging from about 0.5 to 5.0.

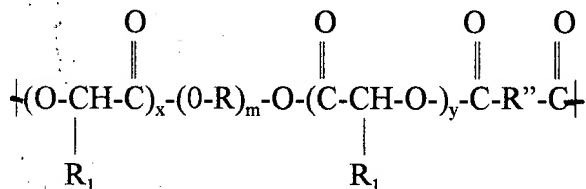
In claim 16, line 2, change "such as" to --is selected from the group consisting of--;

In claim 16, line 2, change "foam or" to --foam,--

In claim 16, line 2, change "ring or a" to --ring,--;

In claim 16, line 3, change "or" to --and--.

19. (Amended) A method for reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient comprising exposing tissue which has been subjected to tissue damage and is at risk for the formation of adhesions to a polymeric composition comprising polymers of the chemical structure:



where m, x and y are positive integers,

R is an ethylene and/or propylene group with the proviso that R is not exclusively a propylene group when m is greater than 1, R₁ is a hydrogen or methyl group, R'' is a C₀ to C₁₂ alkylene group or a hydroxyl or carboxylic acid substituted alkyl group, a cycloalkyl, a hydroxyl-containing cyclo alkyl, or cycloalkyl-containing group, an aryl or aryl-containing group, or a polyoxyalkylene chain comprised of poly(ethylene oxide)[,] or poly(ethylene oxide)-co-poly(propylene oxide)[or a poly(ethylene oxide) rich chain], said polymeric composition comprising no more than about 1.0% by weight crosslinking and having an EO/LA ratio ranging from about 0.5 to 5.0.

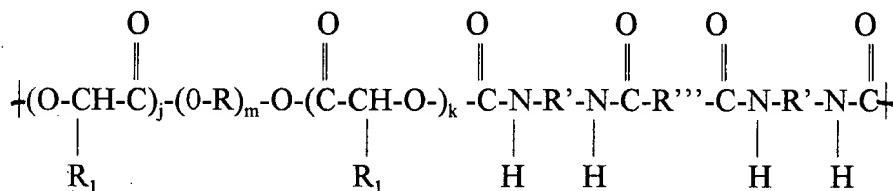
In claim 24, line 2, change "such as" to --is selected from the group consisting of--;

In claim 24, line 2, change "foam or" to --foam,--

In claim 24, line 2, change "ring or a" to --ring,--;

In claim 24, line 3, change "or" to --and--.

26. (Amended) A method for reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient comprising exposing tissue which has been subjected to tissue damage and is at risk for the formation of adhesions to a polymeric composition comprising polymers of the chemical structure:



where j, k and m are positive integers,

R is an ethylene or propylene group with the proviso that R is not exclusively a propylene group when m is greater than 1, R' is a C₂ to C₁₂ alkylene group, a cycloalkyl or cycloalkyl-containing group, an aryl or aryl-containing group, 4,4'-diphenylmethane, toluene, naphthalene, 4,4'-dicyclohexylmethane, cyclohexyl, 3,3'-dimethylphenyl, 3,3'-dimethyl-diphenylmethane, 4,6'-xylylene, 3,5,5-trimethylcyclohexyl, 2,2,4-trimethylhexamethylene or p-phenylene, R''' is a polyoxyalkylene chain comprising poly(ethylene oxide)[,] or poly(ethylene oxide)-co-

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poly(propylene oxide)[or a poly(ethylene oxide)-rich chain] and R₁ is H or CH₃, said polymeric composition comprising no more than about 1.0% ^{by weight} crosslinking and having an EO/LA ratio ranging from about 0.5 to 5.0.

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In claim 31, line 2, change "such as" to --is selected from the group consisting of--;

In claim 31, line 2, change "foam or" to --foam,--

In claim 31, line 2, change "ring or a" to --ring,--;

In claim 31, line 3, change "or" to --and--.

Please add the following new claims:

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36. A method for reducing or preventing adhesions in a patient comprising exposing tissue which has been subjected to tissue damage and is at risk for the formation of adhesions to a polymeric composition comprising polymers which are chain-extended, substantially non-water soluble poly(hydroxy-carboxylic acid)/polyethylene oxide ABA triblocks, where said A block comprises an aliphatic polyester and said B block comprises poly(ethyleneoxide) or poly(ethyleneoxide)-co-poly(propylene oxide), said polymeric composition comprising no more than about 1.0% ^{by weight} crosslinking and having an EO/LA ratio ranging from about 0.5 to 5.0.

37. The method according to claim 36 wherein said poly(hydroxy-carboxylic acid) is derived from lactic acid, glycolic acid, lactide, glycolide or mixtures, thereof.

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38. The method according to claim 37 wherein ^{said} polymeric composition comprises no more than about 0.05% crosslinking.

39. The method according to claim 37 wherein said poly(hydroxy-carboxylic acid) is derived from lactide.

40. The method according to claim 37, wherein said EO/LA ratio ranges from about 2.0 to 5.0.

41. The method according to claim 39 wherein said EO/LA ratio ranges from about 2.5 to 4.0.

42. The method according to claim 1 wherein said polymeric composition comprises no more than about 0.05% crosslinking.

43. The method according to claim 11 wherein said polymeric composition comprises no more than about 0.05% crosslinking.

44. The method according to claim 19 wherein said polymeric composition comprises no more than about 0.05% crosslinking.

45. The method according to claim 26 wherein said polymeric composition comprises no more than about 0.05% crosslinking.